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**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MINUTES**

Wednesday, October 17, 2007
Board Room, NCTA Offices

Members present: Lyndo Tippet, Chairman
Lanny Wilson, Vice-Chairman
Perry Safran, Secretary/Treasurer
Anthony Fox
Sang Hamilton, Sr.
Bill Lackey
Robb Teer

Members Absent: Bob Spencer

Also attending: David Joyner, Executive Director

Chairman Tippet called the meeting to order at 1:32 pm. He welcomed David Redwine who is awaiting confirmation from the Ethics Commission as an NCTA Board member. Chairman Tippet read the State Ethics Act statement.

Chairman Tippet opened the public input session. Lisa Brody, representing the Hamilton Place Phase 5 subdivision in Union County, addressed the Board and asked the NCTA to be expeditious in deciding the route for the Monroe Connector / Bypass.

Chairman Tippet concluded the public input portion of the meeting.

Chairman Tippet called on Secretary-Treasurer Perry Safran for approval of the September minutes. The minutes were approved as presented.

Chairman Tippet recognized InterAgency Group Executive Director Jim Crawford who provided information on the InterAgency Group with regard to toll technology selection. Mr. Crawford invited the NCTA to join the EZPass system.

Chief Operating Officer Jim Eden explained that the NCTA will be considering toll technology decisions in the next few months. Mr. Eden added that discussions with various technology vendors would continue following this meeting and invited all interested to attend. He reiterated that these first decisions are very important and will have statewide effects.

Committee Reports:

Executive Committee: Chairman Tippet stated that the committee met on October 4 and discussed today's Board meeting agenda. The committee had no action items to report.

Operations and Personnel Committee: Sang Hamilton reported that the Operations and Personnel Committee met and discussed the initiation phase and RFPs for a toll collection management system. The committee received an update on the status of the Tri-Ex Cash vs. Cashless study and the toll tag study. The committee was briefed on the roundtable discussion with several industry leaders concerning toll technology which will be held Tuesday, November 14 at the NCTA offices; all Board members are invited to attend. Mr. Eden provided an operations report. The committee had no action items.

Plans and Programs Committee: Robb Teer reported that the committee met and discussed the FHWA Cost Validation process. The committee discussed the right-of-way procurement policy committee work and the expected schedule for development of the policies and procedures. The committee had no action items to bring to the Board.

Finance Committee: Anthony Fox stated that the Finance Committee met and received an update on the status of Expressions of Interest. The committee received information on the traffic and revenue studies, the initial results of the financial analysis and key issues for the Yadkin River Bridge project. Mr. Fox also stated that the committee discussed Public Private Partnership planning for the Mid-Currituck project. Mr. Fox made motions for the NCTA to approve a supplemental agreement with Akin Gump for performance of additional legal services, with a not-to-exceed amount of \$90 thousand and a supplemental agreement with PBS&J to provide toll technology assistance with a not-to-exceed amount of \$2.5 million. The motions were seconded by Mr. Wilson and unanimously approved.

Executive Director's Report: David Joyner reported that the proposed calendar for the 2008 NCTA Board and Executive Committee meetings was provided to each Board member for their review and requested any Board member who has a conflict to notify staff. Mr. Joyner reported that the Executive Committee would not meet in November. He reminded the Board members that the November meeting would begin November 13 with meetings with tolling experts from other authorities, and the Board meeting would be held November 14.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:14 pm.

Minutes prepared by: Jane Strickland